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REMARKS

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1. On 26 March 1954, a train of 9 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 26 flatcars was loaded at Dallgow railroad station and dispatched to Ziesar. Observed were 12 x 85-mm AT guns, about 20 trucks [REDACTED] and 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 27 March, 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 8 prime movers, about 10 trucks and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded in Dallgow for shipment to Ziesar. On 1 April, a troop train from Altengrabow was unloaded at Dallgow. The troops and materiel included 12 x 85-mm AT guns, about 20 trucks and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 1 April, the train which left for Ziesar on 26 March returned from Altengrabow. Another train, which left for Ziesar on 27 March also returned from Altengrabow the same day. ¹ On 4 April, the train which had come from Altengrabow on 1 April left Dallgow for Netzeband. Among the materiel on the train there were 12 x 85-mm AT guns and about 25 trucks [REDACTED]. Another train carrying 12x85-mm AT guns, about 25 trucks and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left for Netzeband in the evening of the same day. ²

2. Some of the units at Prenzlau post left for short-term exercises in March. In early April, the barracks installations were again occupied to capacity, except in some instances. On 1 April, JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and JSU-122 [REDACTED] were entrained at the freight station. ³

3. On 1 April, T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were entrained at Frankfurt/Oder. The tanks came from the Horn Kaserne. ⁴

4. On 25 March, 4 JSU-152s [REDACTED] and 5 JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] were parked at the loading ramp in Frankfurt/Oder. ⁴ A troop train seen near Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 29 March included 22 x 100-mm AT guns, 6 field kitchens and about 40 trucks [REDACTED]. ⁵

5. On 2 April, a troop train with 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 25 trucks and 10 boxcars with soldiers passed through Frankfurt/Oder toward Eberswalde. Another troop train with 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 25 trucks and 12 boxcars with soldiers followed about 5 hours later. ⁶

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6. A shipment unloaded in Gera on 1 April included 15 AT guns of 85 up to 100 mm caliber, about 25 trucks and 300 troops. Another troop train unloaded there included 15 x 85-mm AT guns, about 300 soldiers and 26 trucks

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The two units marched to the Reuss Kaserne. 7

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7. On 24 March, tanks and SP guns were entrained at Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. 4

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8. On 27 March, a troop train was unloaded at Altenburg freight station. The unit included 7 x 152-mm gun howitzers, a 122-mm field howitzer and several trucks. Other elements of an artillery unit were detrained on a railroad siding leading to the rear of the Infanterie Kaserne. 8

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9. In March, Soviet troops were allegedly detrained or entrained at Frenzlau freight station almost daily. On 23 March, 12 AT guns, numerous trucks, some of them with troops, and a field kitchen were detrained in Frenzlau.

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On 26 March, 6 heavy tanks were loaded at Frenzlau freight station. As the train was very long, more vehicles were probably entrained later. 3

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10. Between 25 March and 1 April, troop trains with tanks, AT guns, and rocket launchers continuously arrived in Brand and Halbe from Rostock via Cottbus. More trains were expected to arrive. The troops were quartered in the woods of Brand and Halbe. A field hospital was established. Troop trains were also said to have been unloaded in the Jueterbog-Wuensdorf-Baruth area. 5

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1. Comment. On 26 and 27 March, 2 trains were loaded with units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) which, went to Ziesar

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